

Workshop
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**National development plans and priority objectives in
water sector in Montenegro**

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LEGAL FRAMEWORK

The basic law about water management in Montenegro is **Water Law**, adopted in 2007. The Water Law is the basic, sectoral legislation, which on the one hand regulates management of waters and water land, and on the other hand provides a general framework for waters as a whole, thus giving the possibility for closer regulation of certain relations by the special laws.

Water Law is harmonized with the Water Framework Directive in the 64% (according to the “Monitoring transposition and implementation of the EU environmental acquis”) and provides a good basis for harmonization with acquis. For further harmonization with the Water Framework Directive and other directives on water, it was necessary to do **the Law on Amendments to the Water Law**. The draft of this law was sent to the European Commission for an opinion.



LEGAL FRAMEWORK



The funds for financing of the water management shall be provided in accordance with the **Law on financing of the Water Management**, which was passed in 2008.

NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Water Base of Montenegro from 2001 is a long term national water management plan, which deals with current state of the water regime, proscribes requirements for the maintenance and development of the water regime which provides the most effective solutions for unique water management, protection against harmful effect of water, protection of water from pollution and water use, and provides guidance for further development in this area.

Upon the expiration of 10 years from the date of adoption of Water Base, it is necessary to review the decisions which were established with the Water Base, which has not yet been completed due to lack of funds.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The Water Law provides the preparation of **The Water Management Plans for a Water District or a Part of a Water District.**

Management plans, through the recognition of specific areas of the water, determine the elements of water management established by law and thus determinete state policy in this area.

In Montenegro, there are two approximately equal catchment areas, so it is necessary to bring two water management plans.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The Black Sea river basin district

includes the basins of the rivers Ibar, Lim, Čehotina, Tara and Piva, with associated ground water



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The **Adriatic Sea river basin district** includes the basin of Zeta, Morača, Skadar lake, Bojana, Trebišnjica and water areas of Montenegrin coast, which directly flows into the Adriatic Sea, with associated groundwater and coastal waters.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

The content of the water management plans is established by the **Decree on the content and procedure for preparation of the water management plans for a water district or a part of a water district.**

The Decree is in line with the Annex VII of the WFD.

Professional preparation and all activities related to the development of river basin management plans are conducted by the Water Directorate. So far, the project task for both the water management plans are made.

Sava River basin in Montenegro includes a significant part of the water area of the Black Sea basin (catchment area of Lim, Ćehotina, Tara and Piva) so that the adoption of the river Basin Management Plan of Sava create the conditions for use of data from this plan in preparing the River Basin Management Plan of Black Sea.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

In the area of flood protection, the Water Law provides that the protection against the harmful effects of water is organized and conducted in accordance with the **General and Operational Plan for protection against harmful effects of water**, which are adopted for waters of national importance and for waters of local importance.

For further harmonization with the EU legislation in this area, ie. with the Floods Directive, the Law on Amendments of the Water Law provides the preparation of **The Flood Risk Management Plans** at the level of the river basin district, which must be consistent with the water management plans for a water district.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Within the Project: "Climate Change Adaptation in the Western Balkans" (CCA WB) plans for the protection and rescue of flood in 12 municipalities are made, and is being developed for further 5 municipalities (including 7 in the catchment area of the river Sava).

Developments of the plans were coordinated by the Directorate of Emergency Situation of the Ministry of Interior.

The plans include flood risk maps for the period of greatest floods in the municipalities in which there were built. These maps can be the basis for mapping of flood risks for catchment areas of the river basin.



NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Law on Amendments of the Water Law provides also development of the **Water Management Strategy**, as a planning document which sets out the long-term trends of water management.



PRIORITY OBJECTIVES IN THE WATER SECTOR

Strengthening of the administrative capacity

The main problems faced by the water sector in the transposition and implementation of the EU legislation are related to the financing of the water sector and lack of administrative capacity to carry out these obligations, which is why it is necessary to carry out the reform of the water sector and to strengthen the capacity. In January this year adopted a new Regulation on the Job Ministry, which has created the conditions for increasing the administrative capacity.



PRIORITY OBJECTIVES IN THE WATER SECTOR

The establishment of the Water Information System (WIS)

The establishment of the system for providing information in the field of water is planned by the Water Law and will be a single database for water management, developments of plans in this field and carry out reporting obligations under national legislation, EU requirements, and international agreements and conventions.

For now only first step towards establishing the WIS, was made, ie. the Decree on the content and management of water information system was passed.



PRIORITY OBJECTIVES IN THE WATER SECTOR

Preparation and implementation of the water management plans

For the preparation of plans, in the next period it is necessary to:

- Analysis of the characteristics of river basins (identification of water bodies of surface water and ground water, artificial and heavy modified water bodies, the pressures on surface and ground water, the economic analysis of water use),
- Establish a register of protected areas,
- Improve monitoring of waters.



Thank you for your attention

